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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:US DELEGATION IN PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION

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1. USDEL WILL ASSEMBLE IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, FOR MORNING BRIEFING AT OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART SAME DAY AND ARRIVE MOSCOW SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, PA 44. FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SOVIETS HAVE AGREED RECEIVE DELEGATION THAT DATE. USDEL WOULD USE OCTOBER 19-20 FOR REST AND ORIENTATION AND WOULD REQUIRE ONLY MINIMAL SERVICES FROM MINED ON WEEK END. REQUEST CONFIRMATION BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM, PREFERABLY NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16, THAT MINED CAN RECEIVE USDEL OCTOBER 19.

2. MAIL DELAYS HAVE HELD UP RECEIPT HERE OF VISA APPLICATIONS USDEL MEMBERS. APPLICATIONS BEING SUBMITTED SOV-EMBASSY MORNING OCTOBER 16. SOVEMBASSY HAS AGREED ISSUE VISAS WITHOUT REFERRAL TO MOSCOW, BUT BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT MINED IS PREPARED RECEIVE DELEGATION OCTOBER 19. CONFIRMATION MINED'S ACCEPTANCE THUS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT.

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3. USDEL PLANS DEPART MOSCOW NOVEMBER 3.

4. USDEL CHAIRMAN ESSEX ALSO REQUESTS MEETING WITH SOVIET TEACHERS UNION. IN BRIEFING USDEL HERE DEPTOFF WILL

EXPLAIN THAT WHILE DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO USDEL CONTACT WITH SOVIET TEACHERS UNION WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE VISAS FOR SOVIET TRADE UNION OFFICIALS TO ENGAGE IN TRADE UNION CONTACT IN US.

5. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL B: ESSEX SUGGESTS EMBASSY NOT PRESS THESE THREE AREAS, WHICH HE WILL DISCUSS PRIVATELY IF OCCASION ARISES.

6. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL B: ESSEX ASSUMES TECHNICUM SAME AS VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL. INGERSOLL

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